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For: **Method for Making Contact to Cells Present in a Liquid Environment
Above a Substrate**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before calculating the filing fees, please amend the above application as follows:

In the Title:

Please change the title to read

--Method for Making Contact to Cells

Present in a Liquid Environment Above a Substrate--

In the Specification

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 as follows. A marked up copy of this paragraph is submitted herewith entitled "**Version with markings to show changes made**":

This application is a divisional of co-pending continuation application Serial No. 09/311,780, filed May 13, 1999, which is a continuation application of international patent application PCT/EP97/06285 filed on November 11, 1997 which claims priority of German patent applications 196 47 525.2 filed on November 16, 1996 and 197 12 309.0 filed on March 24, 1997.

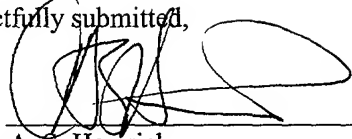
In the Claims

Cancel Claims 1-29.

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are cancelled. Claims 30-47 remain pending.

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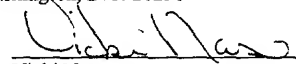
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